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7 UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
8 WESTERN DISTRICT OF WASHINGTON
9 AT SEATTLE

10 JAMES GARY WATLAND,

11 Plaintiff,

12 v.

13 LEXISNEXIS RISK SOLUTIONS
14 INC.,

15 Defendant.

CASE NO. C20-0393JLR

ORDER OF REFERENCE

16 This action is assigned to the Honorable James L. Robart, United States District
17 Judge. All future documents filed in this case must bear the cause number
18 C20-0393JLR-TLF. The court has reviewed the files and records herein and determined
19 that certain pretrial matters are appropriate to refer to a Magistrate Judge as described
20 below.

21 Pursuant to 28 U.S.C. § 636(b)(1)(A) and Local Rule MJR 3, the court hereby
22 refers to Magistrate Judge Theresa Fricke all motions to amend or supplement the

1 pleadings under Federal Rule of Civil Procedure 15 and all motions related to discovery
2 disputes, including but not limited to motions to compel discovery, motions for a
3 protective order related to discovery, and motions related to issues of privilege. *See* 28
4 U.S.C. § 636(b)(1)(A); Local Rules W.D. Wash. MJR 3(a). Federal Rule of Civil
5 Procedure 72(a) governs any objections to Magistrate Judge Theresa Fricke's rulings
6 concerning the above-described discovery motions. *See* Fed. R. Civ. P. 72(a); Local
7 Rules W.D. Wash. MJR 3(b).

8 Pursuant to 28 U.S.C. § 636(b)(1)(B) and (C) and Local Rule MJR 4, the court
9 also hereby refers to Magistrate Judge Theresa Fricke for preparation of a report and
10 recommendation all motions (1) for a temporary restraining order pursuant to Federal
11 Rule of Civil Procedure 65(b); (2) for judgment on the pleadings pursuant to Federal Rule
12 of Civil Procedure 12(c); (3) to dismiss pursuant to Federal Rule of Civil Procedure
13 12(b); and (4) for a default judgment pursuant to Federal Rule of Civil Procedure 55(b).
14 *See* 28 U.S.C. § 636(b)(1)(B); Local Rules W.D. Wash. MJR(a)(3). Federal Rule of Civil
15 Procedure 72(b) governs any further proceedings in this court after Magistrate Judge
16 Theresa Fricke files a report and recommendation. *See* Fed. R. Civ. P. 72(b); Local Rules
17 W.D. Wash. MJR 4(c).

18 Accordingly, the court ORDERS that the above-entitled action is referred to
19 Magistrate Judge Theresa Fricke for the specific purposes and types of motions described

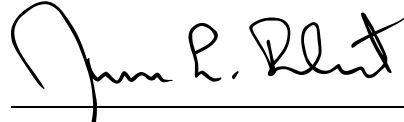
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1 herein. The court further DIRECTS and EMPOWERS Magistrate Judge Theresa Fricke
2 to conduct hearings and make further necessary orders consistent with 28 U.S.C. § 636,
3 the local rules, and this order.

4 Dated this 30th day of March, 2020.

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7 JAMES L. ROBART
8 United States District Judge
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